

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1 and 9 as shown in the following listing of claims.

1. (Twice Amended) An electronic portable appliance, comprising:

power feed means for supplying electric power;

power storing means for storing electric power of the power feed means;

a drive circuit connected to be driven by one of electric power of the power feed means and electric power stored on the power storing means;

switch means provided on a charging path to charge power of the power feed means to the power storing means; and

a control circuit provided to intermittently compare voltages on a charging path at forward and rear points of the switch means;

wherein the control circuit turns on the switch means to charge electric power of the power feed means to the power storing means when [detecting higher is] a higher voltage is detected on the charging path at the forward point of the switch means than at the rear point, and turns off the switch means to prevent storage power from reversely flowing from the power storing means to the power feed means when

[detecting lower is] a lower voltage is detected on the charging path at the forward point of the switch means than at the rear point, and the switch means maintains an existing switching state when the control circuit is not being driven to compare the voltages on the charging path at forward and rear points of the switch means.

9. (Twice Amended) An electronic portable appliance, comprising: power feed means for supplying electric power, power storing means for storing electric power of the power feed means, a drive circuit connected to be driven by at least one of electric power of the power feed means and electric power stored on the power storing means, switch means provided between the power feed means and the power storing means, and a control circuit for intermittently comparing between a voltage of the switch means on a side of the power feed means and a voltage thereof on a side of the power storing means; wherein the control circuit turns on the switch means when the voltage of the switch means on the power feed means side is higher and turns off the switch means when the voltage of the switch means on the power feed means side is lower, and the switch means maintains an existing switching state when the control circuit is not being driven to compare voltages of the switch means on the side of the power feed means and the side of the power storing means.